

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Parks, Libraries & Arts
Tuesday, August 18, 2009
5:03 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present:	Chair:	CM Stuckel
	Vice Chair:	CM Henderson
	Members:	CW Welch (5:13pm), CM B. Ackerson (5:13 pm)
		CM Blackwell (5:10 pm) and Jon Ackerson (5:10pm)

Absent: **CM Peden**

Chairman Stuckel began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items For Discussion

- 1) Dr. Charles Venable, Director of the Speed Art Museum
- 2) Mimi Zinniel, President and CEO of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy

Discussion: Dr. Charles Venable, Director of the Speed Art Museum, spoke to the item and presented a slide presentation. The following was discussed.

- ❖ Speed Museum Expansion
 - Announcement last fall - hired a Design Architectural out in California – Y Architectural
 - Specialize in building numerous museums across the country
 - Slide presentation of the Grand Rapids Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan – Design by Y Architectural – Finished Oct. 2008. One of the finest structure in the United States received the lead certification – Gold level – **(attachment)**
- ❖ Plans for the Speed Art Museum
 - Arts visible from the inside and out
 - Side walk cafes, restaurants and concerts outside
 - Plan to become greener
 - Outdoor activity – movies
 - Removal of asphalt
 - Lobby space out on 3rd Street
 - Expand family programs to improve children's education
 - More gallery space
 - Replacing outdated auditorium
 - Considering creating a major water feature in front of the museum
 - Master Plan available this Fall
 - Plan to get started next year 2010
 - Plan to finish year of 2013
 - No Government Funds involved now – Private Funds being raised
 - Private Funding - approximately \$30 to \$40 Million range for Museum
 - Received no funding from the University of Louisville
 - Annually raise approximately Two million Dollars a year
- ❖ Plan for a Community Forum – for the Public to come in and discuss what they would like to see happen to the museum
- ❖ Exhibitions - Currently
 - Photographs from the Henry V. Heuser, Jr. Collection

- Founder Mrs. Hattie Bishop Speed - Ms. Speed gave a Five Million Dollar donation Year of 1927 – she made sure all races were able to attend the Museum

Discussion: Mimi Zinniel, President and CEO of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy introduced Meredith Erickson, Development Director. Handouts were given and the following was discussed.

- ❖ Map of the City of Louisville and 18 Olmsted Parks in Louisville – 6 Parkways **(Attachment)**
- ❖ 501 C 3 non Profit - Govern by private Board of Directors
- ❖ Work closely with Metro Parks on their projects – not a part of Metro Parks
 - 123 Metro Parks
- ❖ Most of the monies come from private donations and some corporate support
- ❖ This is Olmsted Parks 20th Year Anniversary – within in the 20 years have raised \$25 Million Dollars
- ❖ Master Plan to redo the Parkways – Metro Parks will take the lead
- ❖ Water quality is an important feature that MSD is working on
- ❖ Louisville is one of the four cities in the United States that has Olmsted parks
- ❖ Saving Parks Starts in your own backyard **(Attachment)**
- ❖ Olmsted Parks Conservancy Capital Investments – Historic List Compiled 1991-2008 **(Attachment)**
- ❖ Major project – study of erosion – Chickasaw Park
- ❖ Iroquois Park working on a couple of projects that EPA funded – water quality , drainage issues and flooding
- ❖ Cherokee project is similar to Iroquois Park
- ❖ Major Project –The Woodlands Restoration
 - No assistance from Metro Parks
 - Have spent \$50, 000 this year improving the parks
- ❖ Volunteers –log approximately 4000 to 5000 people helping with the Parks
- ❖ Focusing on Southwest Louisville relationship
- ❖ CW Welch interest in a Dog Run to be put in Iroquois Park
 - Ms. Zinniel stated she would take it up with Metro Parks
- ❖ Sunny Hill Pavilion Ground Breaking – Press Conference with the Mayor – December 10th at 10:30 am
 - Fairdale and Iroquois Schools are involve with the project
- ❖ The mission of the Louisville Olmsted Parks Conservancy is to restore, enhance and preserve the unique value of Louisville's Olmsted parks and parkways for all citizens.
- ❖ Master Plan for the Conservancy Parks put together by Mayor Abrahamson and the Aldermen years ago

Motion to Adjourn made by Chairman Stuckel.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M. without objection.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on August 28, 2009.**

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